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H. R. 4261

To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to States to establish statewide screening programs for children who are 5 to 7 years of age to prevent reading failure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. LEE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. BALLANCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reading Failure Pre-
5 vention Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR SCREENING TO PREVENT READING**
2 **FAILURE.**

3 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Education may make
4 grants to States to establish statewide screening programs
5 for children who are 5 to 7 years of age for the prevention
6 of reading failure.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may not make
8 a grant to a State under this section unless the State
9 agrees to use the grant for the following:

10 (1) Development and implementation of a state-
11 wide screening program for children who are 5 to 7
12 years of age to prevent reading failure by screening
13 such children for traits that indicate the children
14 have dyslexia or are otherwise at risk of reading fail-
15 ure.

16 (2) Providing adequate professional develop-
17 ment for personnel who administer screening pro-
18 grams under this section.

19 (c) DETERMINATION OF TRAITS.—The Secretary,
20 using reliable, replicated, and scientifically based research,
21 shall enumerate specific traits that may be screened under
22 this section to determine whether a child has dyslexia or
23 is otherwise at risk of reading failure.

24 (d) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under this sec-
25 tion, a State shall submit an application to the Secretary

1 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
2 mation as the Secretary may reasonably require.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
5 of Education.

6 (2) The term “State” includes the several
7 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
8 of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern
9 Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Vir-
10 gin Islands, and any other territory or possession of
11 the United States.

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